

Dr. Jonathan Williams to serve as regents' lecturer

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Poet and publisher Dr. Jonathan Williams, who has presented the works of major American poets and novelists since the late 1950s, will serve as a regents' lecturer at the University of California, San Diego April 12 through April 15. He will present a lecture, a poetry reading and a visual presentation during his visit to the campus.

Williams will give a talk on editing and publishing at 4 p.m. Monday, April 12, in the Mandeville Suite in Tioga Hall on the Muir College campus. The poetry reading will be presented at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in conference room 111A of the Administrative Complex. The visual presentation, featuring a display of Williams' photography, will be given at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 15, in the Mandeville Suite.

Williams founded The Jargon Society, a poet's press, in 1951 and since then has presented major American poets and novelists such as Charles Olson, Robert Duncan, Robert Creeley, Allen Ginsberg, Mina Loy and Paul Metcalf. His publication of the first and second sequences of Charles Olson's "Maximus Poems" is seen as one of the major publishing events of the past 30 years.

Williams has served as poet-in-residence at a number of institutions including the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, the Maryland Institute, the University of Kansas and the University of Delaware. He has given some 950 readings, lectures, seminars and slide shows at universities, cultural centers and art galleries throughout the world.

Williams was one of 21 poets invited to read at the White House during "A Salute to American Poetry and Poets" in 1980. He has written some 90 essays that have been published in such places as "The New York Times Book Review," "The Nation," and "Foxfire." His essays are soon to be published by Professor Douglas Chambers of the University of Toronto.

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